

FUKUSHIMA NEAR-TERM TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) implementation of the Fukushima Near-Term Task Force recommendations and other actions to enhance and maintain nuclear safety, after receiving testimony from Representative Capps; Allison M. MacFarlane, Chairman, and Kristine L. Svinicki, William C. Ostendorff, Jeff Baran, and Stephen G. Burns, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; former California State Senator Sam Blakeslee, former Seismic Safety Commissioner, San Luis Obispo; Daniel Hirsch, University of California, Santa Cruz; and Tony Pietrangelo, Nuclear Energy Institute, Washington, DC.

NATURAL GAS VEHICLES

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine natural gas vehicles, focusing on fueling American jobs, enhancing energy security, and achieving emissions benefits, after receiving testimony from Robert Carrick, Daimler Trucks North America, Portland, Oregon; Mike Whitlatch, United Parcel Service, Atlanta, Georgia; Joseph A. Calabrese, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cleveland, Ohio; Ron Jibson, Questar, Salt Lake City, Utah; Rich Kassel, Gladstein, Neandross and Associates, New York, New York; and Harrison Clay, Clean Energy Renewable Fuels, Newport Beach, California.

UMBRELLA MOVEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine evaluating the impact of the "Umbrella Movement", after receiving testimony from Daniel Russel, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Richard C. Bush, The

Brookings Institution, and Sophie Richardson, Human Rights Watch, both of Washington, DC.

DISMANTLING IRAN'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine dismantling Iran's nuclear weapons program, focusing on the next steps to achieve a comprehensive deal, after receiving testimony from David Albright, Institute for Science and International Security, and Michael Doran, Hudson Institute, both of Washington, DC; and Gary Samore, Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Matthew Vincent Masterson, of Ohio, and Christy A. McCormick, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission.

HIGH COST OF TREATING VETERANS WITH HEPATITIS C

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the high cost of treating veterans with the Hepatitis C virus and the impact of the disease on the VA health care system, after receiving testimony from Michael Valentino, Veterans Health Administration Chief Consultant for Pharmacy Benefits Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; and John Rother, National Coalition on Health Care, and Robert Weissman, Public Citizen, both of Washington, DC.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 5783–5790; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 120, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4971, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct annual surveys of veterans on experiences obtaining hospital care and medical services from medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–645) and

H. Res. 770, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend

the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5759) to establish a rule of construction clarifying the limitations on executive authority to provide certain forms of immigration relief; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5781) to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California (H. Rept. 113–646).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Collins (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:14 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: Reverend David Eung Yul Ryoo, Korean Central Presbyterian Church, Centreville, Virginia.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yeas-and-nays vote of 275 yeas to 137 yeas with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 542.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014: H.R. 5769, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2015, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 413 yeas to 3 yeas, Roll No. 541;

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Reaffirming the peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and jurisdictional disputes in the South China Sea and the East China Sea: H. Res. 714, amended, to reaffirm the peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and jurisdictional disputes in the South China Sea and the East China Sea as provided for by universally recognized principles of international law, and to reaffirm the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To reaffirm the strong support of the United States Government for the peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime and jurisdictional disputes in the South China Sea and the East China Sea as provided for by universally recognized principles of international law, and to reaffirm the vital interest of the United States in freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region."

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United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of 2014: S. 2673, to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel. Pages H8354–58

Recess: The House recessed at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

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Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 647, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 404 yeas to 17 yeas, Roll No. 545.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part B of H. Rept. 113–643 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 766, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5771) and (H.R. 647), was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 231 yeas to 192 yeas, Roll No. 540, after the previous question was ordered.

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Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 5771, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, by a recorded vote of 378 yeas to 46 yeas, Roll No. 544.

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Rejected the Neal motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment by a yeas-and-nays vote of 197 yeas to 223 yeas, Roll No. 543.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in Part A of H. Rept. 113–643 shall be considered as adopted.

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Pursuant to H. Res. 766, in the engrossment of H.R. 5771 the Clerk shall (a) add the text of H.R. 647, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 5771; (b) conform the title of H.R. 5771 to reflect the addition of H.R. 647, as passed by the House, to the engrossment; (c) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and (d) conform cross-references and provisions for short titles within the engrossment.

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 120, to authorize the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present

the Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol. **Page H8344**

Adding Ebola to the FDA Priority Review Voucher Program Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 2917, to expand the program of priority review to encourage treatments for tropical diseases. **Page H8344**

Sudden Unexpected Death Data Enhancement and Awareness Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table H.R. 669, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life, and concur in the Senate amendments. **Pages H8344–45**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 4. **Page H8345**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Condemning the actions of the Russian Federation: H. Res. 758, amended, to strongly condemn the actions of the Russian Federation, under President Vladimir Putin, which has carried out a policy of aggression against neighboring countries aimed at political and economic domination. **Pages H8345–50**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:19 p.m. and reconvened at 9:39 p.m. **Page H8364**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8282.

Senate Referral: S. 2917 was held at the desk; S. 1237 was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources, Education and the Workforce, Financial Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H8364**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8310, H8310–11, H8311–12, H8342, H8343, and H8343–44. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TAKATA AIRBAG RUPTURES AND RECALLS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Takata Airbag Ruptures and Recalls”. Testimony was heard from David J. Friedman, Deputy

Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Future of the Children's Health Insurance Program”. Testimony was heard from Evelynne Baumrucker, Health Financing Analyst, Congressional Research Service; Alison Mitchell, Health Care Financing Analyst, Congressional Research Service; Carolyn Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Anne Schwartz, Executive Director, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing on H.R. 917, the “Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2013”. Testimony was heard from Representatives King of Iowa and Lofgren; Julie A. Robinson, Judge, United States District Court for the District of Kansas, on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States; and a public witness.

TRANSFORMING FEDERAL SPENDING: IMPLEMENTING THE DIGITAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Transforming Federal Spending: Implementing the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act”. Testimony was heard from Senators Warner and Portman; Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; David Mader, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, White House Office of Management and Budget; and David Lebryk, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

EXECUTIVE AMNESTY PREVENTION ACT OF 2014; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REDESIGNATION OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES AS THE DANIEL K. INOUE ASIA-PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES; CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF ACT OF 2014; SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL, THE “EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2014”

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5759, the “Executive Amnesty Prevention Act of 2014”; S. 1847, to provide for the redesignation of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies as the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security